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May 29, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

57 May 29, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COUNTY ROAD AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
DISTRICT FUNDS TO FINANCE ANALYSIS OF RURAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE  
ROAD AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FACILITIES  
NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action will allow the Department of Public Works to evaluate lighting conditions at eight Road Maintenance yards in the North Los Angeles County and six district dams in the San Gabriel Mountains located within the Rural Lighting District and to make cost-effective recommendations for complying with the draft ordinance provisions.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the Department of Public Works to expend Road Funds to conduct a Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance Compliance Study of eight Road Maintenance yards in North Los Angeles County at a cost not to exceed \$80,000 for consultant services and in-house support including up to \$60,000 for Public Works' consultant, JC Chang and Associates, to perform analysis and compliance recommendations.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Department of Public Works to expend Los Angeles County Flood Control District Funds to conduct a Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance Compliance Study of six Los Angeles

County Flood Control District dams at a cost not to exceed \$80,000 for consultant services and in-house support including up to \$60,000 for Public Works' consultant, JC Chang and Associates, to perform analysis and compliance recommendations.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to enable the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to develop cost-effective methods to comply with the Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance (Ordinance) at eight Road Maintenance yards (RD 555, Lancaster; RD 555A, Lancaster; RD 556A, Gorman; RD 557A, Mill Creek; RD 558, Littlerock; RD 558A, Jackson Lake; RD 559, San Francisquito Canyon; and RD 559A, Mount Wilson) and six Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) dams (Morris, San Gabriel, Cogswell, San Dimas, Pacoima, and Big Tujunga) for inclusion in Public Works' report to your Board as requested in your Board's January 24, 2012, Board Motion.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2). The consultant, JC Chang and Associates, has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, effectively, and in a timely and cost-effective manner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The recommended work is for a not-to-exceed cost of \$160,000, including up to \$120,000 for consultant services. \$80,000 of the needed funding is available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget and \$80,000 of the funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 LACFCD Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On January 24, 2012, Item No. 8, your Board approved a motion directing the Director of Public Works to provide a report detailing how Public Works' facilities affected by the Ordinance will comply and that a report be prepared within six months with the goal of finding the most cost-effective methods. In addition, your Board prohibited the use of Road and Flood Control District funds for that purpose, unless explicit permission is received from your Board.

Public Works has reviewed staff expertise and determined that in-house expertise to produce the requested report within the requested timeframe does not exist.

Public Works' consultant has the expertise to perform the compliance study for a not-to-exceed fee of \$120,000 with limited support from Public Works staff.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not

subject to the requirements of CEQA. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services. Approval of this action will benefit the County by allowing Public Works to develop the most cost-effective method for its Road and LACFCD facilities to comply with the Ordinance and reduce light impacts in the rural communities of the County of Los Angeles.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office